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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### **Andy Fisher Named Chief Ranger at Grand Teton National Park**

Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott is pleased to announce that Andy Fisher was selected as the new Chief Ranger for Grand Teton National Park. Fisher has served as the park's South District Ranger for the past 12 months, a post he filled after the retirement of Rich Spomer in 2002.

Fisher, a 26-year veteran with the National Park Service (NPS), brings an extensive background in visitor and resource protection, emergency services, search and rescue operations, fire management and fee collection oversight to this new position. He began his NPS career in 1978 as a seasonal heavy truck and equipment operator for Yellowstone National Park's maintenance division. From 1982-86, he worked as a seasonal park ranger in the Old Faithful and Mammoth districts, where he supervised backcountry operations and Student Conservation Association volunteers. Fisher took his first permanent NPS position in 1986 as a dispatcher in Yellowstone's communications center. After a few short months, he became an area park ranger, working in both the Mammoth and Norris districts and supervising backcountry operations and the YCC program. Fisher transferred to Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks as a subdistrict ranger in 1990 and subsequently served as the acting district ranger for the Kings River District. In 1993, he was selected as the assistant chief ranger at Mount Rushmore National Memorial, a post he held for five and a half years. Fisher served as the north district ranger at Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts from 1998 until his move to Grand Teton as the south district ranger in May of 2003.



Fisher frequently serves as an integral member of the Incident Command System to coordinate and manage emergency situations such as search and rescues, fires, or large-scale special events. Additionally, Fisher is trained in critical incident debriefing and has served as an incident team member on numerous occasions in several national park units.

Fisher was born in Akron and raised in Kent, Ohio. He graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree from Kent State University. He and his wife Denise have two children, 15-year-old Megan, and 12-year-old Kyle. In his spare time, Fisher enjoys climbing, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, telemark and cross-country skiing.

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